

# TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES “TEA” ADVISORY COMMITTEE



# TEA Advisory Committee Status Report

## What is the goal of the TEA Advisory Committee?

- Recommend changes to CTC on Program structure to improve timely and successful project delivery:
  - TEA Program appears too complicated and confusing
  - Simplify Program by reducing number of state programs
  - Program must comply with federal regulations
  - Final recommendations before TEA-21 re-authorization

# TEA Committee Progress

## Who are the Committee members?

- Julie Bueren - California State Assoc. of Counties
- Laura Cohen - The Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Phil Dow - Regional Trans. Planning Authority (Rural)
- John Ferrera - Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
- Wade Hobbs - Federal Highway Administration
- Rick Moshier - League of California Cities
- Margie Ryan - The Trust for Public Lands
- Michael Spear - California Resources Agency
- David Takemoto-Weerts - Cal. Assoc. of Bicycling Organization
- Emily Tibbott - The Nature Conservancy
- David Yale - Regional Trans. Planning Authority (Urban)

# Issues

- ➔ Reduce number of State TEA programs?
- ➔ Maintain/ eliminate \$1 million cap on land acquisitions?
- ➔ Annual, biennial cycles or ad-hoc project selection process?
- ➔ Applicability of 40/60 N/S split for state TEA program?
- ➔ Within each TEA program, who evaluates projects?
- ➔ Who may apply for TEA funds?
- ➔ What should the Regional/State split percentage be?

# Recommendations

- ✓ Combine 3 current State programs into one State program.
- ✓ No dollar limit on land acquisition projects.
- ✓ Coordinated programming cycles with ability to amend in exceptional projects between cycles.
- ✓ Maintain 40/60 % North/South split for State program.
- ✓ Selection process that follows federal law and is fair, open, competitive, and transparent.
- ✓ Open to all applicants who meet federal TEA eligibility requirements.

# Unresolved Issue

## The Regional/State Split

- Maintain status quo of 75/25 %.
- Change to 50/50 % to mirror STP Program split.
- Change to some other percentage split.
- Committee agrees that:

All TEA programs need more \$\$

The equity of split is disputed

CTC can change current split

# Next Steps

1. Final Recommendations
2. Feedback
3. Final Report to CTC
4. Develop new TEA Program guidelines (by a committee of stakeholders)